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## Rev. Jared F. Gerig Named FWBC President

### To Succeed Dr. S. A. Witmer January 1, 1958

Rev. Jared F. Gerig, president of the Missionary Church Association, has been named president of Fort Wayne Bible College, it is announced by J. Francis Chase, Chicago, chairman of the college's Governing Board. The appointment is effective January 1, 1958, when the Rev. Mr. Gerig will succeed Dr. S. A. Witmer, who continues as president of the college until that date when he will become executive secretary of the Accrediting Association of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges.

According to college and MCA officials, it is planned that the Rev. Mr. Gerig will complete his unexpired term as president of the church denomination, serving concurrently in both positions until September 1, 1958, when he will assume full administrative duties with the college.

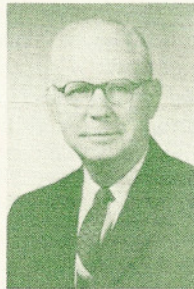
In releasing Chase's announcement, Maurice M. Rupp, secretary of the college's Governing Board and president of Brotherhood Mutual Life Insurance Company, explained that in addition to the new president's qualifications for the position, the appointment is a logical one, in that the college was founded by the MCA and is owned and controlled by the denomination. Three other societies, however, cooperate in its operation — Christian and Missionary Alliance, Evangelical Mennonite, and Christian Union, and more than twenty denominations are represented in its student body.

The Rev. Mr. Gerig was dean of Fort Wayne Bible College from 1945 to 1950, and has been a member of its Governing Board for nine years. He was dean of Pacific Bible College, Azusa, California, from 1950 until he became president of the MCA in 1952.

In addition to being a graduate of FWBC, he has the bachelor of theology degree from Cleveland Bible College, the bachelor of arts degree from Fenn College in Cleveland, and the master of arts degree in education from Arizona State College in Tempe. He has taken work toward the doctor's degree in education at the University of California at Los Angeles and with Indiana University.

He has had 17 years pastoral experience with churches of the MCA in Auburn, Indiana, Cleveland, Ohio, and Phoenix, Arizona. He has been national superintendent of the denomination's youth department

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Rev. Jared Gerig

### October 18-20

## Torrey Johnson Youth Conference Speaker

Dr. Torrey M. Johnson, well-known evangelist, founder and first president of Youth for Christ International, will be the principal speaker for the eighteenth annual Youth Conference of the college October 18-20.

According to Lester Meisenheimer, junior from Walnut, Illinois, and conference chairman, the theme will be "Christ the Key". The conference sessions begin Friday evening and conclude Sunday afternoon.

Guests attending the conference will register Friday afternoon and evening, with the first program scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Saturday's schedule calls for such features as campus open house, a noon wiener roast, a production "Life on a College Campus", a banquet, and an

### Additional Faculty Appointments Listed

Several full time or part time instructors have been named for the fall semester, in addition to those previously announced.

Rev. Harold W. Ranes, Indianapolis, Indiana, has been appointed dean of men and assistant professor, and will teach in the area of Bible and pastoral training. Rev. Ranes has more than twenty years pastoral experience and has been an instructor at the American Theological Seminary and the London Bible Institute and Theological Seminary. He is a graduate of Oakland City College, and also of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary from which he has both the bachelor of divinity and master of theology degrees. He has the master of arts degree from the University of Pennsylvania and is working on a doctoral degree.

Miss Eleanor Rich, R.N., B.S., will be school nurse and assistant

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evangelistic address by Dr. Johnson. Sunday's principal meetings include a



Johnson

worship service and the concluding missions rally at 2:00 p.m., with Dr. Johnson speaking at both. Music will be provided by the Youth Conference ensemble and other student groups.

Young people planning to attend are urged to send a card of reservation as soon as possible, addressed to the youth conference committee. Meals and lodging will be provided at reasonable rates.

Other members of the conference

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*with the president . . .*

**Dr. S. A. Witmer**



## Reflections

Spending a month in the Arctic observing missions among the Eskimos doesn't make one an authority on this field, but certain impressions deepened as the flying trip with Gleason Ledyard, Director of the Eskimo Gospel Crusade, continued.

In this difficult field, men and methods face the test of raw experience. Isolation alone tests the fidelity of most men and their families. On the east side of Hudson Bay is an Anglican mission manned by a fine young missionary on his first term of service. He has been there three years and has two more to go before he will go out for a furlough. The next mission station to the north is 300 miles by air, 400 miles by dog-team. To the south, the distance is 250 miles by air, but missionaries cannot afford to charter a plane at \$110 per hour. To the east, are 360 air-miles of completely uninhabited barrens to the first mission station across the peninsula. He has not seen any of his fellow missionaries at these stations since he has been at his post of duty.

At Sugluk on the Hudson Strait, there is mail service three times a year. In the summer two Hudson Bay supply ships bring mail from Montreal, 2350 miles distant. The next delivery is an air-drop just before Christmas. The next mail service in March is made by a dog-team which travels to Port Harrison, 400 miles away.

There seems to be a universal peril in carrying out the Great Commission, whether it is Christian work at home or abroad. *A lot of activity can be substituted for the central task of actually evangelizing people by bringing them into a saving knowledge of Christ and building them up in the faith.* A missionary can miss the mark by just puttering around—fixing this, going there, tending to a thousand secondary things. Or he may go no further than carrying out the formalities of religion,—holding services, performing weddings, etc. He may be so occupied with the less important that he has little or no time to master a language and to mingle with the natives until he has entered deeply into their thoughts and feelings.

Whether at home or abroad, we fail God, we fail our Lord's commission, we fail the lost, when evangelism is not central in our objectives and our activities. The one mission of the church is unaltered—to disciple all nations.

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committee are Ann Eicher, co-chairman; Mary Wagner, secretary; Paul Robbins, music chairman; Joe Cunningham, business manager; and Robert Liechty, treasurer.

### Spiritual Emphasis Week

This year the Youth Conference

will follow the Spiritual Emphasis Week which begins on Tuesday, October 15. Starting on that date, Dr. Johnson will speak in special chapel services at 9:40 a.m. and evening sessions at 7:45 p.m. Wednesday will be a day of prayer with the morning program at 9:00 a.m.

## Auxiliary Plans Membership Tea

Memberships for the second season of the Fort Wayne Bible College Auxiliary will be received at the auxiliary's membership tea on Tuesday, October 8, at 7:45 p.m. in Founders Lounge. The program is being planned by the membership chairman, Mrs. Ezra Steiner, and her committee.

Present members will renew memberships and new members are being sought. Membership is open to any woman who is interested in the ministry of the college. The organization provides services to the college and its students and develops an interest in the college among families of the Fort Wayne area. Projects include a prayer program for students, food and clothing center for married or needy students, and other services.

Ladies who cannot attend the tea who desire to become members are urged to contact Mrs. Steiner at Woodburn, Indiana, or in care of the college.

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and a member of its General Board, Foreign Missions Board, and committee on fraternal relations. For four years he was editor of the denomination's periodical, *The Missionary Worker*. As president of the denomination, he has visited MCA mission stations in Africa, South America, West Indies, and the Hawaiian Islands.

He is a member of the board of administration of the National Association of Evangelicals, and is chairman of the association's Commission on Evangelism and Church Extension. He is also a member of the National Holiness Association and of the Governing Board of Great Commission Schools. He was one of the first FWBC alumni to be elected to Delta Epsilon Chi, honor society of the AABIBC. With Dr. Witmer, the Rev. Mr. Gerig took an active part in helping to organize AABIBC in 1948. Later at Pacific Bible College, he was instrumental in revising the articles of by-laws and incorporation, which resulted in an administrative reorganization of that school.

In 1950, he co-authored a book, *The Missionary Church Association—Historical Account of Its Origin and Development*. He is currently editing a series of his lectures on prophecy for book publication.

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## 1957-58 FACULTY LISTED

Dr. S. A. Witmer, president (terminating January 1, 1958).  
 Jared F. Gerig, president (effective January 1, 1958).  
 Dr. Herbert Byrne, dean of education, assistant professor of education.  
 Cyril H. Eicher, dean of students, assistant professor of pastoral training.  
 Harvey L. Mitchell, registrar, professor of general education.  
 Harold W. Ranes, dean of men, assistant professor of Bible.  
 Ruth Sondregger, dean of women, instructor.  
 Edith Ehlke, librarian, assistant professor.  
 W. O. Klopfenstein, director of Christian service and placement, assistant professor of Bible.  
 Richard Gerig, director of broadcasting and promotion, assistant professor.  
 Dr. Rene Frank, professor of music.  
 Ira Gerig, assistant professor of piano.  
 Betty Stanley, assistant professor of voice and piano.  
 Hazel M. Yewey, assistant professor of history and English.  
 Lloyd Roth, assistant professor of education.  
 Ralph Gallagher, instructor in history and science.  
 Claude Stipe, instructor in missions and anthropology.  
 Wesley Gerig, instructor in Bible and Greek.  
 Forest Weddle, assistant professor of Bible and archeology.  
 Eunice Conrad, instructor in English.  
 Eleanor Rich, assistant to the dean of women, instructor in health, nurse.

### Part-time

W. Morrow Cook, instructor in homiletics.  
 Eloise Wood, instructor in string instruments.  
 Marceau Meyers, instructor in brass instruments.  
 August Stellhorn, instructor in organ.  
 Vernon Sheldon, instructor in speech.  
 Ann C. Bark, instructor in speech.  
 Warren Wright, instructor in speech.  
 Mrs. H. K. Polhamus, instructor in first aid and home nursing.  
 Tillman Habegger, instructor in MCA polity and history.  
 Howard Dunlap, instructor in Christian Union polity and history.  
 Lester Meisenheimer, student instructor in physical education.

### GERIG— (From page 2)

Concerning the Bible-core philosophy of Bible college education, the Rev. Mr. Gerig states, "Education breaks down when it fails to arrive at a probing sense of duty to do a ministry, to serve and save our fellowmen. All education, if Christian, wherever carried on, must put and keep Christ at its center, must be supported by and saturated with the inspired Word of God, must be warmed and vitalized by the Holy Spirit, and must give emphasis and lead to active duty and labor with a sense of divine mission in the

will of God. I am committed to the objectives of Fort Wayne Bible College, and I want to continue the same educational and developmental progress which has recently characterized the growth of the college".

A native of Grabill, Indiana, he later graduated from South Side High School in Fort Wayne. His wife was born in India of missionary parents. Rev. and Mrs. Gerig, who now reside at 3901 South Wayne Avenue, have three children—Wesley, who is instructor in Bible and Greek at Fort Wayne Bible College; William, a pre-medical student at Wheaton

## Offices Receive New Employees

Several new secretaries have assumed positions in the administrative offices of the college.

Miss Donna Lutton, Anderson, Indiana, has been appointed secretary to the dean of students. She was formerly a secretary at Nyack Missionary College, of which she is also a graduate.

Miss Evelyn Schmidt, Hutchinson, Kansas, has been appointed bookkeeper in the business office. She is a former student of Fort Wayne Bible College and has been associated with Hutch-Line Inc. in Hutchinson as bookkeeper.

Mrs. James Baxter, formerly office secretary of the First Missionary Church in Fort Wayne, is now receptionist in Founders Memorial. She is a graduate of Nyack Missionary College.

Two appointments made during the last school year but not previously announced are John May, director of maintenance, and his assistant, Adolph Bley.

Mrs. Laura Stores, Latty, Ohio, has been added to the kitchen staff as a cook.

### Christian Sympathy

Sincere expressions of Christian sympathy are extended to Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Witmer with the passing of Dr. Witmer's father, Samuel Witmer, on September 1, following a hip injury he sustained in a fall. Funeral services were conducted in First Missionary Church in Fort Wayne. Mr. Witmer was a graduate of the college, class of 1910, and for many years was an active member of the Grabill Missionary Church.

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to the dean of women. She will teach courses in personal hygiene.

Other part time instructors will be August Stellhorn, instructor in organ, and Vernon Sheldon and Ann C. Bark, instructors in speech. Mr. Stellhorn is organist and choirmaster at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. Miss Bark is with the Speech and Reading Therapy Clinic in Fort Wayne, and Mr. Sheldon is an instructor at the extension center of Indiana University.

College; and Mrs. Arthur Riewald, who resides in Pasadena, California, where her husband is minister of youth with a church there.



Around the campus . . .

## faculty reflections

*Study, conferences, tours, work . . .  
and vacations too . . . fill summer  
schedules for returning faculty members*

School vacations are often everything except vacations for college teachers. At least so it seems according to a survey of summer activities of members of the college faculty. Yet, in spite of studies and conferences, most of the teachers found sometime for vacationing with families and friends.

Study at summer sessions provided activity for several of the teachers. *Claude Stipe*, instructor in missions and anthropology, studied advanced phonemics and advanced morphology and syntax at the Summer Institute of Linguistics in Norman, Okla. Early in June he also participated in a panel discussion at Wheaton College on "The impact of archaeology and anthropology on Christianity". His topic was "The impact of anthropology on Missions." *W. O. Klopfenstein*, assistant professor of Bible, completed a major in philosophy with Northern Baptist Seminary. In addition he wrote lesson notes for a Sunday School quarterly, filled numerous preaching engagements, and attended to administrative work in connection with the college's School of Extension Study. *Forest Weddle*, assistant professor of Bible, completed work for the master of arts degree in education at Indiana University. He also studied anthropology and archaeology and lectured in churches concerning his tour in Palestine. *Hazel Yewey*, assistant professor of history and English, continued graduate study at Indiana University. During an eight week course, she studied history and government.

Conferences and seminars rank high among the various activities. *Dr. Herbert Byrne*, dean of education, in addition to administrative duties, attended a workshop of The

Council for the Advancement of Small Colleges held at Milligan College in Tennessee in August. Approximately 130 delegates from 61 colleges in 31 states attended. *Dr. Rene Frank*, professor of music, also attended the conference, and engaged in activities pertaining to his musical compositions. *Cyril H. Eicher*, dean of students, attended the third annual seminar of the Association of Christian Deans and Advisors of Men, which met at Moody Bible Institute in June. He was chairman of the seminar and was elected vice president for this year. Fort Wayne Bible College will be host to the conference next June. *W. Morrow Cook* also attended the conference in addition to his activities as newly installed pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Fort Wayne. *Ruth Sondregger*, dean of women, attended a deans of women seminar at Moody Bible Institute and The Association of Deans of Women of Christian Colleges at Wheaton College in June. She also enrolled in a summer school session at Wheaton. *Edith Ehlke*, librarian, attended The Conference of Christian College Librarians which met at Nyack Missionary College in June. She participated in a panel discussion on "The Library and the Spiritual Life of the College." She attended one of the Billy Graham evangelistic crusade meetings in New York City. *Ralph Gallagher*, instructor in history and science, attended conferences of the Evangelical United Brethren Church in Indiana and Ohio. He maintained his duties as pastor of the Salem EUB church in Markle, Ind. *Betty Stanley*, assistant professor of voice and piano, was counsellor and assistant to the director of music at Camp of the

Woods, Speculator, N. Y., throughout the summer. In addition to his administrative duties, *Harvey L. Mitchell*, registrar, was a guest at Malibu Camp, Vancouver, British Columbia, sponsored by the Young Life Campaign. His daughter and son-in-law are staff members of the camp. He also visited Frontier Ranch, another Young Life Camp in Colorado.

*Dr. S. A. Witmer*, president, in addition to his administrative duties, made a survey of the spiritual needs of Eskimos in the Hudson Bay area of northern Canada. He accompanied Rev. Gleason Ledyard, director of the Eskimo Gospel Crusade on the tour which extended from July 30 to August 30.

*Richard Gerig*, director of broadcasting and promotion, conducted a three week deputation tour with the King's Messengers trio during July in Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Maryland. He also prepared weekly broadcasts of "Crossroads" for which he was announcer during the program's summer series. *Ira Gerig*, assistant professor of piano, maintained a comprehensive schedule of private piano instruction in several towns of the Fort Wayne area. He also participated as musician for evangelistic crusades. *Lloyd R. Roth*, assistant professor of education, attended to his duties as pastor of the Friends Church near Van Wert, Ohio. *Walter E. King*, assistant to the president, continued frequent speaking engagements in Ohio and Indiana on behalf of the college's development program. He also visited several philanthropic foundations in promotion of the building program. He was elected secretary-treasurer of the Council of Indiana Small Colleges at its organizational meeting in Indianapolis on July 12. *C. V. Harter*, business manager, in addition to administrative duties, attended a conference of college business managers in Omaha, Nebraska.

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